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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH KUZNETSOV ON MIDDLE EAST

REF: (A) STATE 147102, (B) STATE 155158

1. I MET WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER KUZNETZOV FOR 50 MINUTES TODAY AND MADE POINTS COVERED IN REF A AND B.

2. KUZNETZOV'S RESPONSES WERE PREDICTABLE:

-- BOTH SIDES NEED TO INTENSIFY EFFORTS TOWARD MEPC THIS AUTUMN

-- WITH SOVIET'S PUSH, KEY ARAB COUNTRIES AND PLO HAVE GONE THREE-FOURTHS OF WAY TOWARD MEETING ISRAEL. HOWEVER, ISRAEL WHILE PAYING LIP SERVICE TO MEETING STILL REFUSES TO SIT WITH PLO.
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-- U.S. POSITION SEEMS TO REMAIN THAT OF DETACHED OBSERVER VIS A VIS PLO

-- U.S. SHOULD ADOPT FIRM POSITION AND PRESSURE ISRAELIS INTO ATTENDING MEPC EVEN IF THEY REFUSE TO RECOGNIZE PLO.

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-- SOVIET PRESS COMMENTARY IS RESTRAINED AND RESPONSIBLE, BUT RESPONSIVE TO ME REALITIES.

3. I STRESSED PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES IN BUDGING ISRAEL UNTIL PLO AT LEAST ACCEPTS 242 AND 338, URGED SOVIETS TO PUSH PLO TOWARD THIS, AND WARNED KUZNETZOV NOT TO OVERESTIMATE OUR INFLUENCE ON TEL AVIV. I CONCLUDED BY SAYING WE WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH AFTER BEGIN VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

4. MEETING WAS BUSINESSLIKE AND WITHOUT ACRIMONY. FULLER REPORT FOLLOWS SEPTEL.

5. FOLLOWING MEETING, HAVING FIRST INFORMED MFA, I ANNOUNCED AT TODAY'S PRESS BRIEFING THAT I HAD MET WITH KUZNETZOV TO DISCUSS ME IN ACCORDANCE WITH VANCE GROMYKO UNDERSTANDING AT GENEVA. (I SAID CORRESPONDENTS COULD ATTRIBUTE THIS TO "AMERICAN SOURCES".) MFA SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED US THAT SOVIETS WOULD MAKE SIMILAR PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT.
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